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Local Self-Government

Report of the Inspector of Local Boards on the administration of the Madura Municipality.

* 604 *Q.*—Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he will be pleased to lay on the table the report of the Inspector of Local Boards on the administration of the Madura municipality; and

(*b*) whether the Inspector of Local Boards specifically recommended that the Council should be superseded?

A.—(*a*) The relevant extracts from the report of the Inspector have already been placed at the disposal of the Press and hon. Members would have received copies.

(*b*) No.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" May I know, Sir, if the whole report of the Inspector cannot be published? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" No, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" Is it because it is too voluminous? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" That contains certain information and recommendations which the Government consider not in the public interest to lay on the table? "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" May I know, if the Inspector of Local Boards did not specifically recommend that the Council should be superseded, what alternative suggestions he has made? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" I am sorry I cannot give that information."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—" Did he say anything against the supersession? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" I have answered that question already, Sir."

Mahazars for proclaiming as ' prohibition areas ' certain villages in the Anantapur district.

* 605 *Q.*—Mr. P. BAYAPPA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that deputations representing the people of Tarimala and the adjoining 24 villages in Anantapur taluk, and of Peddavadugur and the adjoining 33 villages in Gooty taluk presented mahazars to him at Gooty on 8th February last when he visited the Anantapur district, praying that their villages might be declared as ' prohibition areas ' by closing all the toddy and arrack shops in their respective areas; and

(*b*) whether he went on inspection to some of the villages on that date?

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A.—(*a*) An address was presented on behalf of the District Propaganda Committee at Gooty.

(*b*) No.

Medical

Savings consequent on the appointment of honorary officers to Government hospitals.

* 606 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether as a result of the appointment of honorary officers to Government hospitals there has been any saving in expenditure on the department; and

(*b*) how many paid officers in the department have been replaced by honorary officers?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Honorary medical officers are generally appointed as supernumerary to the paid staff. One assistant surgeon has been temporarily replaced by an honorary medical officer assisted by a sub-assistant surgeon. This has resulted in a small saving to Government. Further proposals for the replacement of paid medical staff by honorary staff are under consideration by Government.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know from the hon. Minister if the Government have not found that this system of replacing paid men by honorary agency has been financially sound and beneficial? Cannot the Government therefore take the step of replacing paid officers by honorary staff to a larger extent?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"The system has been under trial and salaried officers are being replaced gradually by honorary men."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Have any senior salaried officers been made to retire in order to give place to these honorary surgeons?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I have no other information, Sir, except what is contained in the answer."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Is there any obstacle for the replacing of paid officers by honorary surgeons?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"As I said, Sir, the question requires consideration. The services of the salaried officers cannot be dispensed with merely because there are honorary officers available to do the work. Honorary officers are appointed as supernumerary to the paid staff; and when a suitable opportunity occurs, they will replace the paid officers. One assistant surgeon has already been replaced temporarily, and there are other proposals under consideration."